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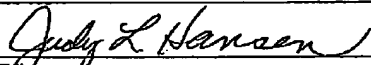
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A separate Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.